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# NH Timber Harvesting Law Fact Sheet



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## Deceptive Forestry Business Practices (RSA 227-J:15)

Buying and selling forest products can be confusing. It is important that all parties involved have a clear understanding of how the wood will be measured, what the prices are, and how payment will be made. A written contract, with mutually agreed upon terms, is strongly recommended. A person is guilty of a class B felony if the loss is greater than \$1000 or otherwise guilty of a misdemeanor if that person, in the course of buying and selling of a forest product: (as defined under RSA 227-G: 4, VII):

- Uses or possesses for use a false weight or measure, or any other device for falsely determining or recording any quality or quantity as provided under RSA 438.
- Sells, offers, or exposes for sale or delivers less than the represented quantity of any commodity or service.
- Takes or attempts to take more than the represented quantity of any commodity or service when, as buyer, the person furnishes the weight or measure.
- Sells, offers, or exposes for sale adulterated or mislabeled commodities.
- Does not remunerate the owner of the timber for the value of the forest products pursuant to a **written** or **verbal** contract.
- Does not furnish the owner, upon request, with all scale slips (sale receipt from purchaser/sawmill which includes volume) to verify the amount of the forest products removed from the owner's property.

Do you need more information on:

- Log scaling or forest product pricing, please contact the Forestry Information Center at 1-800-444-8978
- Deceptive forestry business practices, please contact the Division of Forests and Lands at (603) 271-2217